

IV. REMARKS

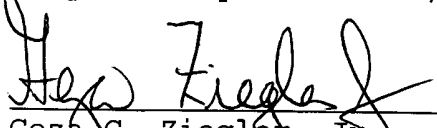
1. Claims 1, 10, 13, 14 and 17 are amended. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 1-6, 8-13, 14-16 and 17.

2. The changes made to the amended claims merely correct grammatical errors noted by the Examiner or add terms to clarify and make consistent the use of certain descriptive terminology in the claims. These changes do not further limit or narrow the scope of the claims and are not made for reasons related to patentability.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,


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